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Dear Sir:

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND THIRD RESPONSE TO FINAL
OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 4, 2005**

This Request for Continued Examination is intended as a full and complete response to the Final Office Action dated October 4, 2005, and has a period set to expire on May 6, 2006, in view of the Notice of Appeal filed February 6, 2006, having a period to file a brief extended by one month. Please enter this Request and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The attached RCE Transmittal form provides authorization for payment of fees. Although the Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this Request, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/APPM/008241/KMT, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this Request timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.